

louder than crying.

We must sort things out, talk about stocks and  
settlements,  
the divorce that was stopped by a death.

Night beetles fall upsidedown to the floor  
near dusty bottles.

Later in the day we leave, put the heavy love at  
a distance.  
These images can never be unified  
or undone.

-- Lyn Lifshin

Albany, New York

this  
slightly  
japanese  
scene

thin	house -- 1925	
pinest		
&		
oriental-	oriental	
looking	rug	
building	with	
	wrinkles	
out front	in it	
red robin	)small	ancestors
trees	fireplace	
branches	for	go in
of	cigarette	between
shocking	butts	the althea
pink	)sickly	& find
	taffeta	the stable
men sit	& muslin	falling in
above the	ruffles	a
red wheels	)scent	shape
of a	of l'origan	of shingles
truck		snowball
in the		bush
patched		at window
sun		

-- Gloria Kenison

Natick, Massachusetts